

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A blank determining section performs scanning of a text part of e-mail when receiving e-mail. The scanning of text part is carried out up to a next boundary. After the end of scanning, the blank determining section determines whether or not there is any code other than unprintable codes such as a blank, a tab, a line feed, and the like. Since the text part is composed of only a line feed, the blank determining section clears data of the text part from a mail reception memory area. An image part is normally printed. As a result, the printing of text part is skipped, and only the image part is printed. This makes it possible to prevent a useless output and an output of inconvenient information.